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INFO TO B. WHITING

E.O. 11652:

TAGS: OTRA, ELAB

SUBJECT: OFFICIAL TRAVEL OF BASIL WHITING

1. BASIL J. WHITING, JR., DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY,
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION (OSHA),
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, AND MRS. WHITING WILL BE VISITING
ADDRESSEE POSTS IN AUGUST.

2. WHITING IS RESPONSIBLE FOR DAY-TO-DAY INTERNAL
MANAGEMENT OF OSHA. THIS INCLUDES FORMULATION OF POLICIES
AND PROGRAMS CONCERNING OSHA'S FIELD OPERATIONS,
PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS, DATA SYSTEMS, PERSONNEL
RECRUITMENT, AND LIAISON WITH OTHER AGENCIES, INDUSTRIES,
AND PROFESSIONAL AND ORGANIZED LABOR GROUPS AFFECTED BY
OSHA'S PROGRAMS.

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3. IN ACCORDANCE WITH FOLLOWING ITINERARY, WHITING WOULD
APPRECIATE EMBASSY BRIEFING ON THE LEGISLATIVE AND
ADMINISTRATIVE SET UP AND THE ROLES OF LABOR, MANAGEMENT,
AND RESEARCH IN EACH NATION. HE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO TALK
WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS CHARGED WITH OSHA TYPE
RESPONSIBILITIES AND WITH UNION OFFICIALS. HE IS PRIMARILY

INTERESTED IN SAFETY AND SAFETY RELATED PROBLEMS (LESS INTERESTED IN TOXIC CHEMICAL TYPE PROBLEMS, THOUGH THEY NEED NOT BE EXCLUDED). HE IS ALSO INTERESTED IN ERGONOMICS.

FINALLY HE HAS A SPECIAL INTEREST IN WORKS COUNCILS AND OTHER JOB SITE, JOINT LABOR-MANAGEMENT APPROACHES TO DEAL WITH SAFETY AND HEALTH. HE WOULD APPRECIATE VISITS TO OPERATING WORKS COUNCILS OR OTHER JOB SITE SAFETY AND HEALTH LABOR-MANAGEMENT MECHANISMS, BUT HE REALIZES THIS MAY BE DIFFICULT GIVEN BRIEF DURATION OF VISIT AT EACH POST. POSTS SHOULD NOTE THAT WHITING IS PREPARED FOR INTENSIVE PROGRAMMING.

4. FOR BELGRADE: WHITINGS ARRIVE BELGRADE THURSDAY, AUGUST 3 AT 15:45 VIA BA 704. WHITING AVAILABLE FOR PROGRAMMING FRIDAY, AUGUST 4 AND SATURDAY MORNING, AUGUST 5. HE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY RESERVING HOTEL FOR NIGHTS OF AUGUST 3-4. WHITINGS WILL DEPART AFTERNOON AUGUST 5 FOR WEEK'S VACATION IN SPLIT AND KORCULA.

5. FOR STOCKHOLM: WHITINGS ARRIVE STOCKHOLM SATURDAY, AUGUST 12 IN THE EVENING. THEY WILL BE MET BY AND WILL BE STAYING WITH DR. REIN HANSSON (WORK: PARADET, STUREGATAN 58, BOX 5157, 102 44, STOCKHOLM; TELEPHONE: 08 14 14 00; HOME: FURUNASVAGEN 10, 181 43, LIDINGO; TELEPHONE: 08 767 11 11). WHITING WILL ATTEND
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INTERNATIONAL SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION CONGRESS IN UPPSALA MONDAY, AUGUST 14. HE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PROGRAMMING TUESDAY, AUGUST 15 - WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16. WHITINGS DEPART STOCKHOLM AUGUST 16 AT 16:05 VIA SK 417.

6. FOR DUSSELDORF: WHITINGS ARRIVE DUSSELDORF FROM COPENHAGEN WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16 AT 19:35 VIA SK 627. WOULD APPRECIATE CONSULATE RESERVING HOTEL FOR THAT NIGHT. WHITINGS WILL DEPART BY CAR FOLLOWING MORNING FOR BONN.

7. FOR BONN: WHITINGS PLAN TO ARRIVE BY MID DAY THURSDAY, AUGUST 17. HE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PROGRAMMING THAT AFTERNOON AND FRIDAY, AUGUST 18. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY RESERVING HOTEL FOR NIGHTS OF AUGUST 17-18. WHITINGS WILL DEPART BONN SATURDAY, AUGUST 19 FOR HEIDELBERG WHERE THEY WILL VISIT FRIENDS. THEY WILL RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES AUGUST 20. CHRISTOPHER

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